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Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders May 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Gary Collings, Loui Lord Nelson, Naomi Swiezy, Ann Schnepf, Kylee Bassett, Leah Nellis

1) Discussion about October Symposium

The group reviewed the agenda for the symposium for college and university trainers. It will be held at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County, Indiana on October 26th. Presentations will focus on the new CEC/NACTE autism standards, Indiana's standards as they relate to autism, the IDEAL project, and updates about Article 7.

2) Article 7 – training section

The group continued to work on language within the training section to help guide educators and parents in their discussion about training to meet the needs of children with disabilities. The group also looked more closely at the definition of autism in Rule 26.

2) Task Force Final Report

The group began work on the final report due to the Division of Exceptional Learners at the end of December. This report will be a discussion of the activities and accomplishments of the Task Force since its inception in January of 2006.